

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), dated as of August 25, 1995, is entered into among World Wildlife Fund - South Africa, Earthkind International, the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Agency for International Development (together referred to herein as the "Parties").

## W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the World Wildlife Fund - South Africa and Earthkind International are non-governmental organizations dedicated to the promotion and realization of an environmentally-sustainable energy future; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is the principal instrumentality of the United States Government charged with the development and implementation of policies and programs regarding the use of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Agency for International Development ("USAID") is the principal instrumentality of the United States Government charged with the administration of foreign assistance programs and, in particular, is implementing a program of assistance for the Republic of South Africa through the USAID Mission to South Africa; and

WHEREAS, the United States - South Africa Bi-National Commission, headed by U.S. Vice President Gore and South African Deputy President Mbeki, has recognized the importance of promoting a sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Section 29, provides that "Every person shall have the right to an environment which is not detrimental to his or her health or well-being"; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to cooperate in the promotion of appropriate, environmentally-sustainable technologies for energy generation in the Republic of South Africa to, among other things, increase access to energy of the majority disadvantaged population.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby state as follows:

1. World Wildlife Fund - South Africa and Earthkind International agree to cooperate in the creation of a Sustainable Development Resource Center for South Africa. The Sustainable Development Resource Center shall reflect a policy of inclusion, emphasizing the critical role of non-governmental organizations -- both U.S. and South African -- as legitimate stakeholders in decision-making processes regarding appropriate technologies and their impact on the environment.

2. DOE and USAID recognize and fully endorse the partnership of the World Wildlife Fund - South Africa and Earthkind International in creating the Sustainable Development Resource Center. This partnership serves as an outstanding example of commitment and represents a significant milestone towards the achievement of the environmental goals enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and sought through the United States - South Africa Bi-National Commission.

3. The Parties agree that nothing in this MOU shall be construed to constitute an obligation or commitment of funds by DOE or USAID. Any future obligation of funds to carry out the intent of this MOU shall be subject to the availability of funds, the mutual agreement of the Parties to proceed, and compliance by DOE and USAID with all of the laws and regulations applicable to DOE and USAID, governing the obligation and use of appropriated funds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the World Wildlife Fund - South Africa, Earthkind International, the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Agency for International Development, each acting through its duly authorized representative have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

World Wildlife Fund - South Africa

Earthkind International

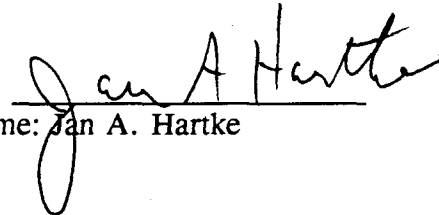
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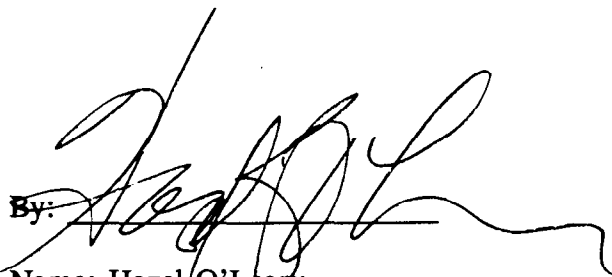


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